Surah 51 *Surah Dhaariyaat*

THE WINDS THAT DISPERSE

THE LINK BETWEEN *SURAH DHAARIYAAT* AND *SURAH QAAF*

Surah Qaaf states very clearly that resurrection will definitely take place. *Surah Dhaariyaat* takes the subject further by stating that, besides resurrection, rewards and punishment will also be given to those deserving them. Verses 5 and 6 mention, **"Indeed what you have been promised is undoubtedly true** *(Qiyaamah shall certainly arrive)* **and retribution** *(rewards and punishment for actions)* **will undoubtedly take place."**

A SUMMARY OF THE *SURAH*

Surah Dhaariyaat contains the following:

* Testimony about rewards and punishment.
* A description of resurrection.
* Two logical proofs for the coming of *Qiyaamah.*
* Five examples of worldly punishment. These are:

1. Verses 24 to 37 contain the first of the five examples of worldly punishment when Allaah discusses the destruction of the people of Loot عليه الصلاة والسلام.
2. The second example follows in verses 38 and to verse 40. Allaah describes how *Fir'oun* and his army were drowned in the sea because of their rebelliousness.
3. Thereafter, in verses 41 and 42, Allaah cites the example of the *Aad.* They were destroyed by a fierce tornado when they rejected the teachings of *Hood* عليه الصلاة والسلام.
4. Verses 43 to 45 mention the fourth example of worldly punishment, writing the example of the *Thamud.*
5. Verse 46 mentions the fifth and final example, which precedes all the incidents already mentioned. The example is of the nation of *Nooh* عليه الصلاة والسلام, who were drowned in a great flood when they refused to accept his teaching.

سُوْرَةُ الذّٰرِيٰتِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَّهِيَ سِتُّوْنَ اٰيَةً وَّثَلٰثُ رُكُوْعَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ○

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

وَالذّٰرِيٰتِ ذَرْوًا ۙ﴿۱﴾

1. By the oath of the winds that disperse *(scatter the dust, clouds, etc)*...

فَالْحٰمِلٰتِ وِقْرًا ۙ﴿۲﴾

2. And by the clouds that bear *(bring)* **heavy burdens** *(rains)*...

فَالْجٰرِيٰتِ يُسْرًا ۙ﴿۳﴾

3. And by the ships that move smoothly...

فَالْمُقَسِّمٰتِ اَمْرًا ۙ﴿۴﴾

4. And by those angels who distribute *(sustenance/rain)* **on** *(by Allaah's)* **command...**

اِنَّمَا تُوْعَدُوْنَ لَصَادِقٌ ۙ﴿۵﴾

5. Indeed what you have been promised is undoubtedly true *(Qiyaamah shall certainly arrive)*...

وَّاِنَّ الدِّيْنَ لَوَاقِعٌ ؕ﴿۶﴾

6. And retribution *(reward and punishment for actions)* **will undoubtedly take place** *(justice will be done)*.

وَالسَّمَآءِ ذَاتِ الْحُبُكِ ۙ﴿۷﴾

7. By the oath of the sky which have fixed *(orbits)*...

اِنَّكُمْ لَفِيْ قَوْلٍ مُّخْتَلِفٍ ۙ﴿۸﴾

8. *(In contrast)* **You people are definitely divided in talks** *(compared in your views about Qiyaamah, which some of you accept while others do not)*.

يُّؤْفَكُ عَنْهُ مَنْ اُفِكَ ۝٩

9. Turned away from it *(the Truth)* **is he who is prone to turning away** *(from everything good)*.

قُتِلَ الْخَرّٰصُوْنَ ۝١٠

10. May those who spread falsehood *(who reject the belief in resurrection without valid reason be destroyed)*...

الَّذِيْنَ هُمْ فِيْ غَمْرَةٍ سَاهُوْنَ ۝١١

11. ...*(they are)* **those who are lost** *(flounder)* **in their ignorance** *(because they cannot understand the truth)*.

يَسْـَٔلُوْنَ اَيَّانَ يَوْمُ الدِّيْنِ ۝١٢

12. They ask *(with ridicule, as if in a hurry for it)*, **"When will the day of retribution** *(reckoning)* **be?"**

يَوْمَ هُمْ عَلَى النَّارِ يُفْتَنُوْنَ ۝١٣

13. *(It will be)* **The day when they will be punished in the Fire.**

ذُوْقُوْا فِتْنَتَكُمْ ۗ هٰذَا الَّذِيْ كُنْتُمْ بِهٖ تَسْتَعْجِلُوْنَ ۝١٤

14. *(It will then be said to them)* **"Taste your punishment! This is that which you sought to hurry."** *(wished will come quickly)*

اِنَّ الْمُتَّقِيْنَ فِيْ جَنّٰتٍ وَّعُيُوْنٍ ۝١٥

15. Verily those with Taqwa shall be *(enjoying themselves)* **in Jannaat with springs...** *(fountains)*

اٰخِذِيْنَ مَآ اٰتٰىهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ ۗ اِنَّهُمْ كَانُوْا قَبْلَ ذٰلِكَ مُحْسِنِيْنَ ۝١٦

16. ...receiving what *(bounties)* **their Rabb confers on** *(gives)* **them. Indeed these people used to carry out good** *(virtuous)* **deeds before** *(in the world)*.

كَانُوْا قَلِيْلًا مِّنَ الَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُوْنَ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Little was it that they slept at night *(because they devoted their nights to worshipping Allaah)*.

وَبِالْاَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُوْنَ ﴿١٨﴾

18. During the closing portions of the night they would be seeking forgiveness *(from Allaah)*.

وَفِيْٓ اَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلسَّآئِلِ وَالْمَحْرُوْمِ ﴿١٩﴾

19. *(In addition to all of this,)* **There was always a portion of their wealth** *(reserved)* **for beggars and deprived people** *(the poor)*.

وَفِي الْاَرْضِ اٰيٰتٌ لِّلْمُوْقِنِيْنَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. In the earth are Aayaat *(signs demonstrating Towheed and Allaah's great power)* **for those who have conviction** *(sure faith)*...

وَفِيْٓ اَنْفُسِكُمْ ۭ اَفَلَا تُبْصِرُوْنَ ﴿٢١﴾

21. ...and within your own selves *(are Aayaat)* **as well. Do you not** *(ponder over these and)* **see?**

وَفِي السَّمَآءِ رِزْقُكُمْ وَمَا تُوْعَدُوْنَ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. In the sky *(in the "Lowhul Mahfoodh")* **is** *(the record of)* **your sustenance** *(its time, type and quantity)* **and** *(record of)* **what you have been promised** *(of Qiyaamah)*. *(The time for Qiyaamah has been fixed but has not been made known to man.)*

فَوَرَبِّ السَّمَآءِ وَالْاَرْضِ اِنَّهٗ لَحَقٌّ مِّثْلَ مَآ اَنَّكُمْ تَنْطِقُوْنَ ﴿٢٣﴾ ع ١٨

23. By the Rabb of the sky and the earth, this *(coming of Qiyaamah)* **is certainly the truth just as** *(it is true that)* **you can speak.**

هَلْ اَتٰىكَ حَدِيْثُ ضَيْفِ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ الْمُكْرَمِيْنَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وقف لازم

24. Has the story of Ibraheem عليه السلام's honourable guests *(some angels who)* **reached you?**

اِذْ دَخَلُوْا عَلَيْهِ فَقَالُوْا سَلٰمًا ۭ قَالَ سَلٰمٌ ۚ قَوْمٌ مُّنْكَرُوْنَ ﴿٢٥﴾ ج

25. When they came to him and greeted with Salaam, he *(thinking them to be travellers)* **said, "Peace be upon you too. You must be strangers** *(to this place)*."

فَرَاغَ إِلَىٰٓ أَهْلِهِۦ فَجَآءَ بِعِجْلٍ سَمِينٍ ﴿٢٦﴾

26. He then went to his family and returned with a fat *(roasted)* **calf.**

فَقَرَّبَهُۥٓ إِلَيْهِمْ قَالَ أَلَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

27. He served it to them and *(when they did not partake of it because angels do not eat food)* **he said, "Are you not going to eat** *(Will you not accept my hospitality)*?"

فَأَوْجَسَ مِنْهُمْ خِيفَةً ۖ قَالُوا۟ لَا تَخَفْ ۖ وَبَشَّرُوهُ بِغُلَٰمٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

28. He grew afraid of them *(thinking that they may have come for some sinister purpose)*. **They said, "Do not be afraid," and they gave him the good news of a child** *(blessed with knowladge that was to be born to him i.e. Ishaaq عليه السلام)*.

فَأَقْبَلَتِ ٱمْرَأَتُهُۥ فِى صَرَّةٍ فَصَكَّتْ وَجْهَهَا وَقَالَتْ عَجُوزٌ عَقِيمٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

29. His wife *(Sarah)* **arrived** *(came forward)* **calling a loud** *(in amazement upon hearing the news)*, **smote her face** *(striking her forehead in surprise)* **and said, "***(How can)* **An old barren woman** *(like me bear a child)*?"

قَالُوا۟ كَذَٰلِكِ قَالَ رَبُّكِ ۖ إِنَّهُۥ هُوَ ٱلْحَكِيمُ ٱلْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٠﴾

30. They *(the angels)* **said, "Thus has your Rabb declare** *(you will therefore certainly bear a child)*. **He is the Wise, the All Knowing."** *(He knows why and to whom a child should be born.)*

قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ أَيُّهَا ٱلْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

الجزء ٢٧

31. He *(Ibraheem عليه السلام)* **said** *(to the angels)*, **"What is your duty, O messengers?'** *(Why have you been sent to earth?)*

قَالُوٓا۟ إِنَّآ أُرْسِلْنَآ إِلَىٰ قَوْمٍ مُّجْرِمِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

32. They replied, "We have been sent to *(punish)* **a criminal nation** *(the nation of Loot عليه السلام)*..."

لِنُرْسِلَ عَلَيْهِمْ حِجَارَةً مِّن طِينٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

33. "...to rain *(baked)* **clay stones on them..."**

مُّسَوَّمَةً عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لِلْمُسْرِفِيْنَ ﴿٣٤﴾

34. "...which have been marked by your Rabb *(each stone bore the name of the person it was meant to kill)* **for those who transgress** *(exceed)* **the limits** *(of morality by engaging in sodomy)*."

فَاَخْرَجْنَا مَنْ كَانَ فِيْهَا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴿٣٥﴾

35. "*(However, we shall not harm the Mu'mineen because before inflicting the punishment,)* **We shall remove those who are Mu'mineen from the town** *(by informing them when to leave the town)*."

فَمَا وَجَدْنَا فِيْهَا غَيْرَ بَيْتٍ مِّنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ ﴿٣٦﴾

36. "*(From the entire town)* **We found only a single home of Muslims there** *(who were the household of Loot عليه السلام)*."

وَتَرَكْنَا فِيْهَآ اٰيَةً لِّلَّذِيْنَ يَخَافُوْنَ الْعَذَابَ الْاَلِيْمَ ﴿٣٧﴾

37. In *(the narration of)* **this incident** *(event)* **We have left a lesson** *(reminds)* **for those who fear a painful punishment.** *(The ruins of the cities of these people are still visible today.)*

وَفِيْ مُوْسٰٓى اِذْ اَرْسَلْنٰهُ اِلٰى فِرْعَوْنَ بِسُلْطٰنٍ مُّبِيْنٍ ﴿٣٨﴾

38. And *(there is also a lesson)* **in** *(the story of)* **Moosa عليه السلام when We sent him to Fir'oun with a clear proof** *(with miracles to prove that he was Allaah's true Nabi)*.

فَتَوَلّٰى بِرُكْنِهٖ وَقَالَ سٰحِرٌ اَوْ مَجْنُوْنٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

39. However, Fir'oun turned away together with his party *(his people and forces)* **and said, "***(Moosa عليه السلام is)* **Either a** *(clever)* **magician or a madman!"**

فَاَخَذْنٰهُ وَجُنُوْدَهٗ فَنَبَذْنٰهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ وَهُوَ مُلِيْمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

40. So We seized him *(Fir'oun)* **and his army and cast them into the ocean for he was to be blamed** *(for misleading the people and the rely inviting the punishment)*.

وَفِيْ عَادٍ اِذْ اَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّيْحَ الْعَقِيْمَ ﴿٤١﴾

41. And *(there is also a lesson)* **in** *(the story of)* **the Aad when we sent a** *(fierce)* **wind to them that**

was devoid of *(without)* **any good.**

مَا تَذَرُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ أَتَتْ عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا جَعَلَتْهُ كَالرَّمِيمِ ﴿٤٢﴾

42. *(When it blew,)* **It completely destroyed everything it passed over** *(totally destroying the Aad and everything they had)*.

وَفِي ثَمُودَ إِذْ قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَمَتَّعُوا حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٤٣﴾

43. And *(there is also a lesson)* **in** *(the story of)* **the Thamud when** *(after they had killed the miraculous camel)* **they were told** *(by their Nabi Saalih عليه الصلاة والسلام)*, **"Enjoy yourselves for a while** *(a few days)*."

فَعَتَوْا عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِمْ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الصَّاعِقَةُ وَهُمْ يَنظُرُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

44. They transgressed against the command of their Rabb, so a *(stunning sound) (preceding an earth quake)* **seized them as they looked on.**

فَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا مِن قِيَامٍ وَمَا كَانُوا مُنتَصِرِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

45. *(When Allaah's punishment struck them,)* **They were unable to even stand** *(rise)* **and were helpless to protect themselves.**

ع ٢ ١٣ وَقَوْمَ نُوحٍ مِّن قَبْلُ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾

46. *(Such was the condition of)* **The nation of Nooh** عليه الصلاة والسلام *(who were destroyed)* **before** *(all these nations mentioned above)*. *(Allaah's punishment destroyed them because)* **They were indeed a sinful nation** *(who rejected the message of Towheed)*.

وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَيْنَاهَا بِأَيْدٍ وَإِنَّا لَمُوسِعُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

47. We created the sky with *(Our immense)* **might and** *(creating this and everything else is easy for Us because)* **We certainly possess vast** *(mighty)* **powers.**

وَالْأَرْضَ فَرَشْنَاهَا فَنِعْمَ الْمَاهِدُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

48. And we have spread the earth out *(for other creation to live completely easily on it)*. **How excellently we have created the wild!**

وَمِن كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَا زَوْجَيْنِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

49. We have created pairs *(opposites)* **of everything** *(such as male and female, hot and cold, sweet and*

sour, etc) **so that you may take heed** *(realise Our tremendous powers)*.

فَفِرُّوْٓا اِلَى اللّٰهِ ؕ اِنِّيْ لَكُمْ مِّنْهُ نَذِيْرٌ مُّبِيْنٌ ۚ﴿۵۰﴾

50. So hasten towards *(be quick to recognise)* **Allaah** *(by pondering about His creation)*. **Verily I** *(Rasulullaah ﷺ)* **am a clear warner** *(Nabi)* **to you from Him.**

وَلَا تَجْعَلُوْا مَعَ اللّٰهِ اِلٰهًا اٰخَرَ ؕ اِنِّيْ لَكُمْ مِّنْهُ نَذِيْرٌ مُّبِيْنٌ ۚ﴿۵۱﴾

51. Do not ascribe another Ilaah with Allaah. Verily I *(Rasulullaah ﷺ)* **am a clear warner to you from Him.**

كَذٰلِكَ مَآ اَتَى الَّذِيْنَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِّنْ رَّسُوْلٍ اِلَّا قَالُوْا سَاحِرٌ اَوْ مَجْنُوْنٌ ۚ﴿۵۲﴾

52. In a like manner, *(just as the Mushrikeen of Makkah opposed Rasulullaah ﷺ)* **whenever a Rasool came to those before them, they** *(rejected his message and)* **said that he is a magician or a madman.**

اَتَوَاصَوْا بِهٖ ۚ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ طَاغُوْنَ ۚ﴿۵۳﴾

53. Have they *(all the precious Mushrikeen)* **made bequests** *(promises)* **to each other** *(that they will all reject the Ambiyaa عليهم الصلوة والسلام)* **? No, but** *(the real reason why they all behave in such a manner is that)* **they are** *(all)* **rebellious** *(disobedient)* **people.**

فَتَوَلَّ عَنْهُمْ فَمَآ اَنْتَ بِمَلُوْمٍ ﴿۵۴﴾

54. *(O Rasulullaah ﷺ!)* **Ignore them** *(do not be grieved by the manner in which they behave towards you)*, **for you will not be blamed** *(for their disobedience)*.

وَّذَكِّرْ فَاِنَّ الذِّكْرٰى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴿۵۵﴾

55. *(However, you should)* **Continue advising** *(reminding)* **because advice is beneficial for the Mu'mineen.**

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْاِنْسَ اِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوْنِ ﴿۵۶﴾

56. I have created man and Jinn only to worship *(serve)* **Me.** *(Besides the many various other reasons the most important objective for creating men and Jinn is for them to recognise who Allaah is)*.

مَآ اُرِيْدُ مِنْهُمْ مِّنْ رِّزْقٍ وَّمَآ اُرِيْدُ اَنْ يُّطْعِمُوْنِ ﴿۵۷﴾

57. I require neither sustenance *(daily provision)* **from them nor do I want them to feed Me.**

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ ﴿٥٨﴾

58. *(On the contrary)* **Without doubt, Allaah is the Sustainer** *(He provides people with their sustenance)***, the Possessor of absolute power, Strong.** *(Allaah is not in need of His creation, but they are most definitly in need of Him)***.**

فَإِنَّ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ذَنُوبًا مِّثْلَ ذَنُوبِ أَصْحَابِهِمْ فَلَا يَسْتَعْجِلُونِ ﴿٥٩﴾

59. There shall certainly be substantial *(severe)* **punishment for the oppressors** *(the Kuffaar)***, which shall be similar to the punishment of those like them** *(those who committed kufr in the past)***, so do not hurry Me** *(do not be in impatient for the punishment to come because it will certainly arrive at its appointed time)***.**

فَوَيْلٌ لِّلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِن يَوْمِهِمُ الَّذِي يُوعَدُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾ ع ٣ ١٤ ٢

60. Destruction *(death)* **be to the Kuffaar because of the day** *(of their punishment, which)* **they have been promised** *(at the battle of Badr and later on the day of Qiyaamat)***.**